

T-684
Samuel S. Harrison House
St. Michaels
private

c. 1860

The Samuel S. Harrison house, also known as the Hunt house, is a modest two-story, three-bay frame dwelling erected on St. Mary's Square during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The front of the house is distinguished by a turned post porch with decorative corner brackets. The house contributes to the nineteenth-century character of the square as it stands in a line of contemporary dwellings.

Although a chain-of-title for this property indicates that "Lot 33" has been improved during a large part of the nineteenth century, the form of the extant house and the architectural details point to a mid century date of construction. The stylistic features evident in the house suggest the house was erected within the decades following Samuel S. Harrison, Sr.'s purchase of the lot in 1848. "Lot 33" remained in Harrison family hands until 1887 when Samuel's heirs sold the property to Ann Catherine Lee, Mary Porter, Oliver H. Porter, and Alfred Porter. The property remained in the Lee and interrelated Hunt families until the mid 1970s.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-684

Magi No. 2106842504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SAMUEL S. HARRISON HOUSE

and/or common HUNT HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 402 St. Mary's Square ☐ not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schied

street & number 402 St. Mary's Square telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 585

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 499

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Samuel S. Harrison house, known during the mid twentieth century as the Hunt house, stands at 402 St. Mary's Square in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the third quarter of the nineteenth century, the two-story, side hall/parlor frame dwelling is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is sheathed with asbestos shingles over weatherboards. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a story-and-a-half kitchen wing that has been enlarged with shed roof additions.

The three-bay (east) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a side entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front door is a replacement. Stretching across the first floor is a turned post front porch embellished with sawn brackets. Three two-over-two sash windows light the second floor. The cornice is boxed. Protruding through the center of the house is a narrow brick chimney stack.

The north side of the house is marked by an off-center six-over-six sash window that lights the second floor, while the south side is marked by two sash windows.

Attached to the back of the house is a story-and-a-half frame service wing that has been enlarged in recent years.

The interior has been reworked on the first floor. A modern brick chimney has been inserted to divide the first floor into a living room and dining room. The stair rises against the north wall and has been enclosed, probably during the 1930s or 1940s. The second floor, divided into three rooms, retains a turned baluster handrail at the top of the stair as well as a few two-panel doors. A short board-and-batten door opens into the another bedroom above the kitchen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Although the chain-of-title for this property suggests that "Lot 33" has been improved during a large part of the nineteenth century, the form of the extant house and the architectural details point to a third quarter of the nineteenth-century date of construction. The turned post front porch, the turned baluster handrail on the second floor as well as the two-panel doors suggest the house may have been erected within the decades following Samuel S. Harrison, Sr.'s purchase of the lot in 1848.(61/22) "Lot 33" remained in Harrison family hands until 1887 when Samuel's heirs sold the property to Ann Catherine Lee, Mary Porter, Oliver H. Porter, and Alfred Porter.(113/475) The property remained in the Lee and interrelated Hunt families until the mid 1970s.(505/450)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization	Private Consultant	date	1/8/89
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street & number	P.O. Box 5	telephone	301-651-1094
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city or town	Westover	state	MD 21871
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

YEAR: 1984 VOL: 585 PAGE: 499

FROM: John M. Meara and Linda L. PRICE: \$82,000

TO: Norman Schied and Muriel Schied

NOTES On W side of St. Mary's Square; frontage of 16' on the Square, back 120 feet. Adjoining Samuel S. Harrison, Lewis Tarr, Clifton Hope. Includes all land conveyed by Mary J. Porter, et al. to Ann Catherine Lee 1890, 113/475 and including also an adjoining 4' strip acquired by Ann Catherine Lee making the total frontage 26 feet.

Conveyed to John M. Meara and Linda L. Meara by Charles V. Harrison 1978, 525/802.

YEAR: 1978 VOL: 525 PAGE: 802

FROM: Charles V. Harrison and Estelle F. Harrison PRICE: \$62,000

TO: John M. Meara and Linda L. Meara

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Charles V. Harrison by Ralph S. Hunt, Jr. 1978, 505/450

YEAR: 1978 VOL: 505 PAGE: 450

FROM: Ralph S. Hunt, Jr. PRICE:

TO: Charles V. Harrison, Sr. and Estelle F. Harrison

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Ralph S. Hunt, Jr. and Catherine L. Hunt by William Reddie 1950, 284/563.

Catherine Hunt died 1971.

YEAR: 1950 VOL: 284 PAGE: 563

FROM: William Reddie PRICE:

TO: Catherine L. Hunt and Ralph S. Hunt, Jr.

NOTES Title clearance.

Land Catherine L. Hunt has as heir of her dad father (1949, 284/192 and 1949, 284/410)

1950, Hunt to Reddie as part of this clearance, missing.

YEAR: 1949 VOL: 284 PAGE: 410

FROM: Mamie Lee, widow, Wm. O. & Thelma Carter Lee, Minnie V. Lee PRICE:

TO: Catherine L. Hunt and Ralph S. Hunt, Jr.

NOTES Same description.

On death of Ann Catherine Lee (widow) the property went to her children: Chester A. Lee, Minnie Lee, and Oliver Lee (d. 1918), leaving Mamie Lee, William Oliver Lee, and Catherine L. Hunt.

Chester Lee's rights were bought out 1949, 284/192.

YEAR: 1890 VOL: 113 PAGE: 475

FROM: Mary J. Porter and others* PRICE: \$140

TO: Ann Catherine Lee

NOTES Begins at NE corner of Samuel S. Harrison; run N with St. Mary's Square 22 feet to Lewis Tarr; W 120 feet to Clifton Hope; S 22 feet to Samuel S. Harrison; 120 feet to the beginning.

Conveyed to "heirs of Thomas Porter" by Samuel S. Harrison and James F. Burns 1897, 106/121.

YEAR: 1897 VOL: 106 PAGE: 121

FROM: Samuel S. Harrison & Martha L. and James F. & Mary O. Burns PRICE: \$50

TO: Ann Catherine Lee, Mary Porter, Oliver H. Porter and Alfred Porter

NOTES Part of the land conveyed to Samuel S. Harrison, father of Samuel S. Harrison by Thomas Keithley and Margaret Keithley 1848, 61/222. James F. Burns is on deed by way of his mother, an heir of Samuel S. Harrison.

YEAR: 1848 VOL: 61 PAGE: 222

FROM: Thomas Keithley and Margaret V. PRICE: \$400

TO: Samuel S. Harrison (Senior)

NOTES "All that lot number 33" "said to contain 100 square feet"
The price of \$400 seems rather high for this lot.

YEAR: 1834 VOL: 51 PAGE: 176

FROM: Joseph Ridgaway PRICE: \$50

TO: Thomas Keithley

NOTES A house and lot in St. Mary's Square adjoining the lots of Thomas Keithley and Edward Blades. "100 square feet, more or less"
"That Joseph Ridgaway purchased of a certain Sarah Rigby".

YEAR: 1815 VOL: 37 PAGE: 330

FROM: Sarah Rigby PRICE: \$220

TO: Joseph Ridgaway

NOTES "One lot of ground distinguished in the plat St. Michaels, number 33"
Begins at the NE corner of lot 32 in St. Mary's Square; run with St. Mary's Square 60 feet to lot number 34; with #34 120 feet to lot number 25 etc.
"one half acres more or less"

YEAR: 1804 VOL: 31 PAGE: 53

FROM: James Dodson PRICE: \$55

TO: Rigby Hopkins

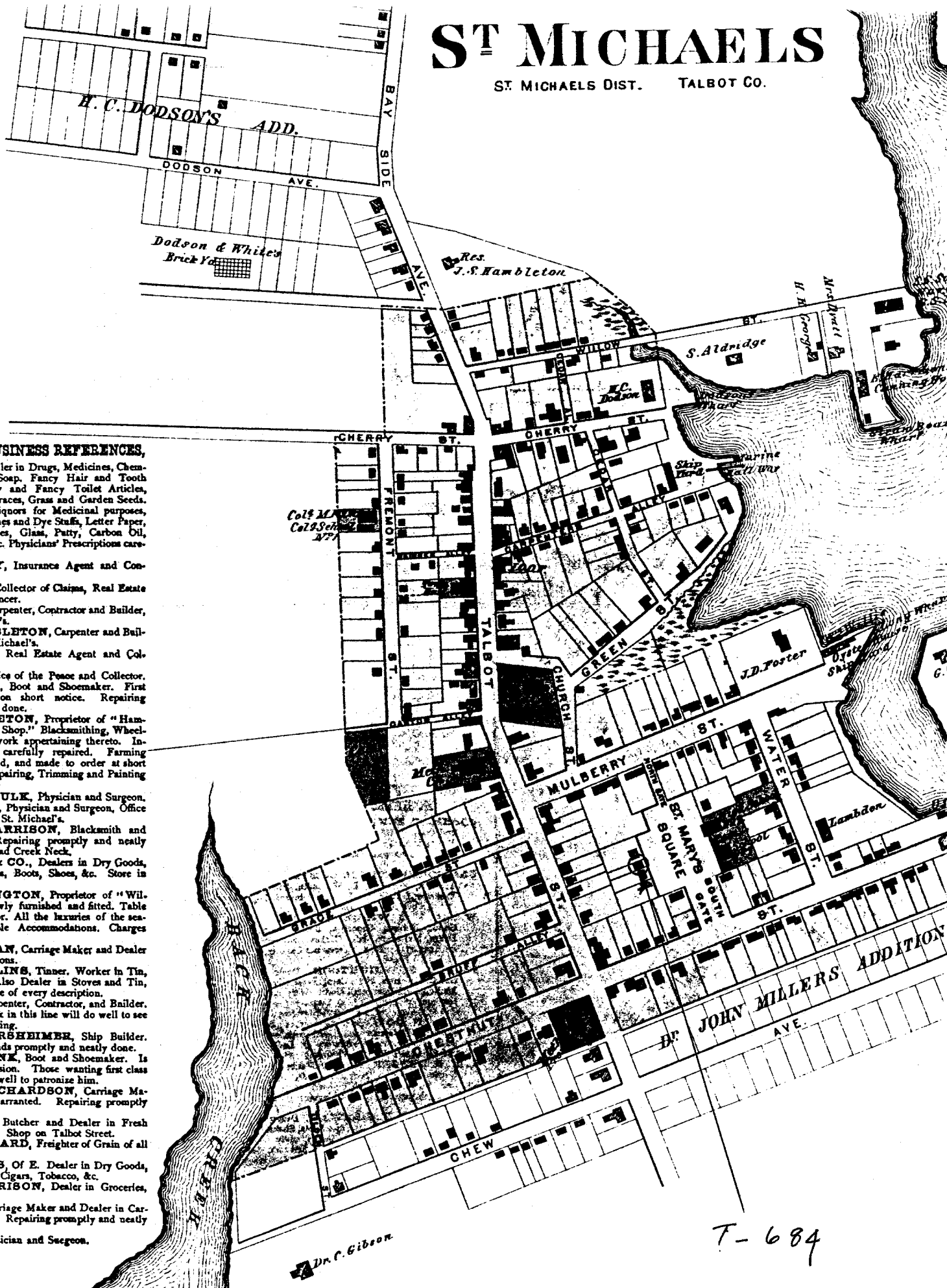
NOTES Lot number 33.

YEAR: 1804 VOL: 30 PAGE: 598
FROM: Richard Skinner PRICE: \$40
TO: James Dodson
NOTES Lot number 33.

YEAR: 1779 VOL: 21 PAGE: 116
FROM: James Braddock PRICE: p150 cm
TO: Richard Skinner, Gent.
NOTES Lot number 33. Dimensions are 60' x 120'.
The lot is part of "Jane's Progress". I have no explanation for the change in
depth of the lot to 116 feet or for the various widths - from 34'3" to 41 feet!
The price is quite high but the date and the fact that it was not paid in specie
may be the reason.

ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



ST. MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Toothbrushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Suspenders, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds, Cakes, Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Envelopes, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Candles, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.

HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

W. DEAN, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.

IS DYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

ED H. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

IS DODSON, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Taxes.

SPENCER S., Justice of the Peace and Collector.

SMITHMAN, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

IS HAMBLETON, Proprietor of "Hampton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. Industrial Machinery carefully repaired. Farming Implements on hand, and made to order at short notice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.

WILLIAM CAULK, Physician and Surgeon.

JAMES SETH, Physician and Surgeon, Office and Residence near St. Michael's.

LIAM S. HARRISON, Blacksmith and Wagon Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly done. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.

J. NEAVITT & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.

N. T. HARRINGTON, Proprietor of "Williams House." Newly furnished and fitted. Table carefully catered for. All the luxuries of the season. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.

NIEL J. KILMAN, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.

ORGE W. COLLINS, Tinner. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.

E. BLADES, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.

SEPH HERGERSHEIMER, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.

IVER FAIRBANK, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.

RRISON & RICHARDSON, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

J. HOLLAND, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.

PT. C. R. LEONARD, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.

OMAS BLADES, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

RY E. HARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Cigars, &c.

S. KILMON, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

A. DODSON Physician and Surgeon.

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HUNT HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
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HUNT HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Northeast elevation

12/88, Paul Touart, photographer

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